



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request you would like included in the prayers during worship, there is a special prayer table set up in the back of the sanctuary for receiving written requests before the service begins.

The Worship of God

Prelude "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" James Mansfield

***Welcome and Announcements**

***Hymn** "The First Noel" #156

Psalms For The Day Psalm 86:1-10 (Pew Bible p.442)

Prayer Of Adoration

***Songs Of Praise, Grace & Love** "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"
"Mary's Sweet Smile"
"The Reason Why"

***Greeting One Another** (Please greet those immediately around you.)

Procession Song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verse 1 only)
(Children please gather in back of sanctuary before Procession Song)

Lighting Of The Advent Candles (Candle Of Joy)

A Time Especially For Children "Jingle Sunday"

Anthem "Fum, Fum, Fum" Herrington & Glick

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:39-55 (Pew Bible p. 761)

Meditation Song "Change My Heart, O God"

Sermon "The Revolutionary Nature Of Joy"

Offering Our Gifts And Ourselves To God

Song For Sharing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #171

***Doxology** (to the tune of #2 in the hymnal)

***The Peace Of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Agape Time

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

***A Song For Serving** "Jesus The Son of God"

***The Sending and Benediction**

Choral Benediction "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Postlude "God Rest You Merry" Wilbur Held

**Those who are able may stand*

ALL FIRST TIME VISITORS! YOU ARE OUR GUESTS!

God loves a cheerful giver, but as our guest you are not obligated to give to the offering.

All worship expressions are welcome here!

Raise or clap your hands in praise, dance, shout "Amen," or humbly meditate in subdued reflection.

The service is over an hour, so please sit or stand as needed.

♪♪♪ SONG SHEETS (WITH THE WORDS TO SONGS) FOR THIS SERVICE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS. ♪♪♪

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Tonight at 11 PM
A Service of Lessons and Carols

Eternal Light

Christmas occurred when God invaded Earth in a strange and marvelous way. A special child was born to improbable parents in an unlikely place at an inconvenient time and in an unwelcoming world. Yet heaven's light pierced the darkness and shone through the life of that unique baby. That light was and is an eternal light. God's light in Christ is a saving light that can keep the world from total destruction, from the ultimate darkness. The message is always true: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5, NRSV). And it never will.

—Charles Ferrell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

**Christmas Eve Service of
Lessons and Carols 11:00 PM**

Dec 25th

Christmas Day - office closed

Dec 27th

Session Meeting 7:00 PM

Dec 28th

Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM

Dec 31st

Worship Service 9:30 AM

New Year's Eve Lock In 7:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP ---

- **Brad Stiles will be our guest Worship Leader during the December 31st, 9:30 AM service.**
- **WOW at Mission of Hope on January 13th at 6:30 PM.**
- **Congregational Meeting, January 28th**

Birthdays

December 26th Lincoln Currie

December 30th Anna Drahozal

✧ Transportation for December ✧

Contact Grace Ford at 365-1922

(Please call her before Sunday)

† † † Ongoing Prayers † † †

- Ruby Klein, Margaret Klopp, June Vavra, Joe Cerveny, Mac McLaskey, Roy Baker, & Rick Funcke.





CALLING ALL YOUTH

DEC. 31ST 7 PM TO JAN 1ST 7 AM
at Twisters Gymnastics,
Cheer & Dance Studio
with New Beginnings
X-treme Youth. See
Terry for more information!



YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE NEWS

- ✚ **Youth activities calendar available:** Pick one up from the table in the Narthex.
- ✚ **Terry is on vacation** this week.
- ✚ **Confirmation:** The next class will be 01/07/2007.
- ✚ **No Youth Group** this week.
- ✚ **No Thursday High School Bible Study** at Panera Bread this week. We will continue to work through the Book of Revelation starting on January 4th.
- ✚ **Breakfast Club.** God has opened a door for Terry to participate in the Breakfast Club at Prairie Middle School on Fridays at 7:30 AM.
- ✚ **Youth ministry in Cedar Rapids.** Prayers are being answered. Please continue to pray for this ministry as we continue to seek God's guidance on how this will develop.
- ✚ **The Seven Project** is coming to Prairie High School on February 7, 2007. The Seven Project uses \$80,000 worth of state of the art equipment, crowd interaction, professional video, trained youth specialists, and life experience to partner with middle, junior, and senior high schools in character development. Watch for more information regarding this incredible opportunity.
- ✚ **February 23-24, 2007:** This is the date that we will partner with the Salvation Army for World Vision's 30-Hour Famine. Please pray with us for more church youth groups to join us.

Questions? Want more information? Please call or email Terry.

Check us out online:

<http://www.huschurch.org/>

<http://www.180yfl.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.myspace.com/180yfl>

True Christian Christmas

Christmas isn't showy gifts
Or glittering decoration;
It's honoring our Savior, Jesus Christ
In humble adoration.

It's serving those less fortunate,
Meeting their needs before our own;
It's making sure at Christmas time
That no one is alone.

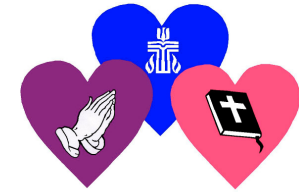
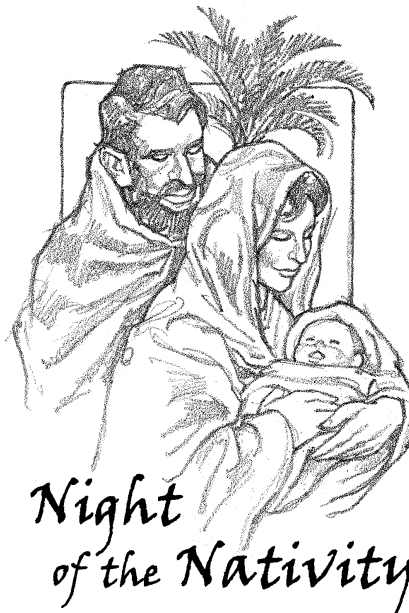
It's taking what we would have spent
On things that no one needs,
And using it to help someone
With service and good deeds.

Our Savior showed us how to live
With charity, faith and service.

It makes the holidays a joy,
More peaceful, and less nervous.

So let's remember Christmas is
About our Savior's birth;
That's the way to happiness,
The way to peace on earth.

By Joanna Fuchs



HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SHARING THE BLESSINGS



Worship Service – 9:30 AM, December 24, 2006

All Members, Ministers; Ruth Halterman, Organist; Rev. Will Jackson, Pastor;
Lisa McAtee, Secretary; Doug Page, Worship Leader and Music Minister;
Terry Van Wyk, Youth and Family Life Minister.

THE HUS CHURCH PURPOSE

**Inviting Seekers To Become Believers
Equipping Believers To Become Disciples
And Inspiring Disciples To Become Servants**

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